



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is dedicated to ensuring the health and wellbeing of all children, including those whose parents have difficulty meeting, or are failing to meet, child support obligations; and
- WHEREAS: Parental involvement can have a significant impact on the physical, mental, and emotional state of a child. Therefore, it is essential for both custodial and noncustodial parents to remain active in assessing and nurturing a child's health, education, and social development; and
- WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of both parents to provide a child with the financial and emotional support necessary to maintain a healthy lifestyle conducive to achievement in the classrooms of today for success in the future; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia's child support agents, caseworkers, and representatives are dedicated advocates for improving the lives of children and families through employer engagement and constituent outreach; and
- WHEREAS: The Georgia Department of Human Services' Division of Child Support Services (DCSS) helps to enhance a parent's ability to pay child support by offering more efficient and effective methods for administration, such as the DCSS Mobile App, Parental Accountability Courts, and the Fatherhood Program. These constituent-focused initiatives have led to approximately \$745 million distributed to more than 554,000 Georgia children in fiscal year 2017; and
- WHEREAS: National Child Support Awareness Month provides valuable opportunities to raise awareness of the importance of parental involvement in the lives of children and to inform parents across Georgia of the services offered by DCSS to help fulfill support obligations; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim August 2018 as CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF